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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations  
SUBJECT : Jordan Bureau Monthly Report - January 1981

I. GENERAL

A. Ambassador Nicholas A. Veliotis has been designated Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, replacing Harold Saunders. The Ambassador will be returning to Jordan only briefly from the U.S. before assuming his important new position. A successor to Veliotis has not yet been named.

B. During the final days leading up the Iran's release of the hostages, the Bureau, at the DCM 's request, kept him closely informed of breaking developments.

II. OPERATIONS

A. In a long-contemplated rationalization of Middle East coverage splits, Gulf Bureau picked up Tehran International Service Arabic programs from Jordan, while we took back all clandestine Voice of Palestine programming from Nicosia.

B. We contributed to coverage by regional bureaus and London of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Saudi Arabia by filing speeches delivered at the event by the Iraqi and Syrian presidents and King Husayn. A press conference by the Sudanese President was also processed from Khartoum SUNA.

C. With the installation of new "armor core" doors, the upgrading of the Bureau's security is now nearly complete. These doors, installed at the entrance to the building and the Bureau Chief's office, proved more secure than bargained for when dayshift personnel arriving at the Bureau early in the morning found that, even with keys, the outside door could not be opened. After finally gaining entry with the help of the GSO, it was discovered that the evening shift had inadvertently activated a sophisticated mechanism on the inside of the door which renders the locks inoperable even to someone with a key.

D. At the request of ICA we taped Jordanian television coverage of President Reagan's inauguration.

E. Syrian radio started to broadcast an hour-long segment of material termed the "Voice of Iraq." After sampling for one week, we determined, with FCS concurrence, not to place this broadcast on regular coverage for the time being.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Chief Monitor [ ] and Monitor [ ] both received PSI's.

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### IV. VISITORS

A. En route to Gulf Bureau from Cyprus, Azeri monitor [ ] visited the Bureau in connection with obtaining a visa. STAT

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### Attachments:

- A. Production Report
- B. Monitor Production
- C. Communications Report
- D. Engineering Report
- E. 1 Electronic Coverage
- E. 2 Publications Coverage